

Education links speech, learning

By Lori Clausen

"Language disorders in preschool go underground and reappear as reading problems," according to Katharine Butler.

Butler spoke about "Language By, For and Of the Schools" in UNO's Eppley Auditorium Thursday. The speech was a part of the College of Education Distinguished Lecturer Series.

Butler discussed four types of talk children encounter as they move into school — child talk, text talk, teacher talk and clinical talk.

Child talk is the speech of the child, according to Butler.

"New in language studies is the realization that culture and principle language are tremendously important as children move into school," she said.

Text talk is either oral or written, according to Butler.

Teacher talk is something children do not always come to school prepared for, Butler said. One way to help children adapt to teacher talk is "wait time," she said. Wait time is allowing children time to respond. Butler gave the example that if she was a teacher, she would ask one student a question, wait one second for a reply and then move on.

"Some people suggest waiting three seconds," Butler said. "This doesn't just help the children with language disorders, but it also gives gifted children time to elaborate their thoughts."

Clinical talk is the speech children hear from specialists.

"Clinical talk varies along many dimensions," she said.

The use of smaller groups allows the children to speak more and the child can be helped to go on to more elaborate statements, she said.

Butler also spoke about how a child's prior experience affects school performance. Word knowledge leads to word knowledge, according to Butler.

"If you haven't had the experience, then you can't say much about the subject," she said. "If a child doesn't have the past experience, then it's hard to come to word knowledge."

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Education doctorate program passed Regents approve fee increase

By Heidi Jeanne Hess

UNO's student fees will increase for the 1992-93 academic year.

The University of Nebraska Board of Regents approved Saturday the proposed Fund B budget, which increases UNO student fees to \$50 per semester from \$48.75 per semester.

UNO's Fund B provides money for Campus Recreation, Co-Curricular Activities — which includes men's and women's athletics, campus musical groups and Health Services — and the Student Center.

The \$1.25 increase will be divided between Campus Recreation (25 cents), Co-Curricular Activities (50 cents) and the Student Center (75 cents).

The budgets for the 1992-93 year are:

Campus Recreation	\$498,016
Student Center	\$515,376
Co-Curricular	
Men's Athletics	\$345,673

Women's Athletics	\$190,965
Campus Musical Groups	\$ 23,800
Health Services	\$145,900
Contingency	\$ 596
Facilities Fee	\$ 26,247

The entire Fund B budget is \$1,746,546.

The University of Nebraska Medical Center, University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK) and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) also received student fee increases. The 1992-93 per semester fees will be \$72 at the Med Center, \$99.75 at UNK and \$161.11 at UNL.

In other business:

• The regents approved a joint doctoral program in educational administration between UNO and UNL.

The program will combine resources from both campuses, including faculty, library materials, data processing and support services.

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—Heidi Joanne Hess

Student Employee of the Year

Chancellor Dol Weber (right) congratulates R. Michael Grauf for being chosen as the Student Employee of the Year. Grauf is a student assistant in the reference department in the University Library and a senior majoring in management information systems and marketing. Last week was National Student Employment Week and Grauf was chosen as the recipient of the award from a list of 12 nominees.

OHA encourages residents to attend school

By Clint Williams

Overcoming the effects of poverty and substandard education is the objective of one of Omaha's social support agencies. Through its efforts, the Omaha Housing Authority (OHA) has supported the educational endeavors of eight college students, four of whom currently attend UNO.

The OHA strives to attain the goal of reducing and ultimately eliminating the cycle of people who are born into and remain in poverty, according to Juanita James, OHA's resident relations manager.

OHA's Resident Relations Program covers a broad spectrum of issues concerning improving the quality of life for the families living in the 3,200 housing units it maintains, James said.

In breaking the poverty cycle, resident relations staff members work to instill a sense of pride and the hope that success is attainable in young people, she said.

According to James, the program has been asserted more in the community since Robert Armstrong, OHA's executive director, assumed

the office in 1986.

"When Robert Armstrong became OHA director almost six years ago, he went out and knocked on our residents' doors and asked 'What can we do to help make things better here for you?'" she said.

"After that, he began asserting the belief that we have to do more than being about the business of housing folks," she added.

Armstrong ultimately wanted to break the cycle of generation after generation of people living in subsidized housing and receiving welfare, James said.

The Resident Relations Program increased in scope of responsibility, as well as personnel, from 1986 until the present, James said. This happened as the staff members involved themselves in supporting the growing needs of the residents.

"Mr. Armstrong established a couple of positions during that time called resident relations coordinators," she said. "I worked the north side of the city, while another woman worked the south side."

"We've grown so much since then that we

now have a resident relations department," James said. "Our function today is to remove all obstacles, barriers and excuses affecting our families."

The resident support effort, James said, includes interfacing with all agencies, the school system and other social services to ensure residents receive all the help needed to eventually gain self-sufficiency.

"In addition to our main responsibilities, the resident relations department serves as a direct link between the residents and our executive director," she said.

The department serves as a liaison for problems such as rent payments, and alcohol and drug violations in the residences, she said.

"We interact with our alcohol and drug education and prevention coordinator, as well as our gang/youth coordinator when confronting issues in those areas," James said.

"We're the good guys. We do all the nice things and develop good working relationships with the city's other agencies who provide assistance to our residents," she added.

OHA, in concert with local businesses, have

supported the Omaha Public Schools (OPS) District's Adopt-a-School program, James said. In this program, the businesses sponsor activities for OPS students.

James said resident relations staff not only regularly monitors school attendance of young people to ensure they are attending class, but also interacts with families to prevent potential attendance problems from becoming chronic.

"If a school reports to us that one of our kids has been absent for more than a day or two, we go out to the residence and find out why," she said.

James said the resident relations staff works to eliminate any problems in order to return the child to school as soon as possible.

As an added incentive, students get some financial reward for exceptional school work and regular attendance, James said.

"Any student having a perfect attendance during the school year will receive a \$100 savings bond," she said. "We also give children

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LETTERS/OPINIONS

Columnist misjudges soldiers

Dear Editor:

We are writing in response to the editorial column by Jeff Hults in the April 7 *Gateway* concerning the U.S. Armed Forces and the Persian Gulf War.

We would like to congratulate Hults for returning to the Vietnam-era mentality of damning the soldiers in particular for the war in general.

Hults outlines some of the assertions that were held concerning the capabilities and objectives of Hussein and his army. One of these claims was that the military believed Hussein could effectively employ biological weapons. The military was sure he possessed chemical weapons and possible biological warfare agents. This information was true. Whether or not Hussein chose to escalate hostilities by employing this portion of his arsenal is another question. We can tell you that if there is even a remote chance that we may encounter chemical weapons, we will prepare to fight against chemical weapons.

We would also like to address the labeling of a military member in the *Gateway* and America on the whole. Hults ties individual soldiers to the conservative ideology just because we wear the uniform and receive paychecks from the government. This letter is written by two military members who just happen to be quite independent and, in fact, liberal, in political and social philosophy. We are not the exception. We serve our country because we love it and believe in it. We get tired of being lumped into the conservative mold.

David Sylvester
UNO Student
Darren Huskisson
UNO Graduate

Equal coverage demanded

Dear Editor:

I would appreciate reading my letter with minimal editing, although I realize you may be short on space. I only hope you can manage squeezing it in between your updates on the war between the *Gateway* and Student Government. By the way, thanks for keeping us posted.

There is an organization here at UNO that I believe is worthy of a little press.

We are the UNO women's track team. As in many other organizations, we are required to maintain an above-average grade point average; we meet two, sometimes three hours a day; sacrifice weekends; have part-time jobs and have become experts at juggling our schedules.

I don't think this is uncommon among students — including those on the *Gateway* staff.

However, it never ceases to amaze me that the newspaper repeatedly gets more coverage in its own newspaper than do half of the organizations on campus.

It would have been nice to be able to read about my teammates' outstanding accomplishments in Tuesday's edition of the *Gateway*.

It wasn't on the back page.

I returned to the front page and read about the awards earned by the *Gateway* staff.

Congratulations ... but a word of advice. Don't break your arms patting yourselves on the back.

M.A. Wielberg
UNO Student/Athlete

Editor's Note: The *Gateway* did not receive the statistics about the track meet in time for Tuesday's edition of the paper.

Policy intrudes in private life

Dear Editor:

I'm a student who just received the annual Standards of Conduct with Respect to Drug and Alcohol Use pamphlet from UNO in the mail. This year I decided to read it. I was appalled.

Quotation from the pamphlet:

"1. Standards of Conduct

... the university has formulated standards of conduct for both its employees and its students which prohibit the following acts:

... (5) use of alcohol off University premises that adversely affects an employee's or student's work or academic performance, or an employee's or student's safety or the safety of others."

It concerns me greatly that the university has assumed responsibility for my success or failure at UNO. It concerns me even more that UNO extends that responsibility into my private life off university premises.

By the wording of this document, I am in direct violation

of university policy (and subject to disciplinary action) if I legally go out to a bar the night before an exam and I get a "C" instead of a "B" on the test because of it.

UNO has no business dictating what I should or should not do off the university premises, on my own time. I am shocked that UNO has allowed academic freedom and its

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Complaints filed against Gateway

Student Sen. Mike Kennedy has written to the UNO Publications Committee to complain about "the unprofessional behavior" of a *Gateway* reporter.

In a letter dated April 8, Kennedy raised several objections to a March 10 *Gateway* article by reporter Kim Hansen titled "Senate to Fund 'Secrets'" and an April 7 Hansen article titled, "Senate OKs 'Secrets'."

Among several issues, Kennedy alleged he was misquoted in the March 10 article.

Concerning the April 7 article, Kennedy said it was mentioned that grievances had been filed against him and other senators to the Senate's Oversight Committee, however the story did not point out that one of the grievances was filed by Hansen.

Gateway advisor James Fogarty said, "Kennedy's complaint has been placed on the agenda for an April 25 meeting of the committee."

Hansen said in response to the complaint, "I am confident that I did not misquote Kennedy and as far as the other complaint goes, some editorial decisions were made that may need to be reconsidered."

"I feel I have done nothing wrong."

Gateway Editor-in-chief Heidi Jeanne Hess said Kennedy made no formal complaints to her concerning the issues addressed in his letter.

The UNO Publications Committee will meet on April 25 at 9 a.m. in the *Gateway* office Annex 26.



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OPINION/EDITORIAL

Darth Vader steals parking

Attention, Campus Officials of the Republic: A new rebellion is fighting the parking problem because the Empire of the Dark Side is stealing innocent parkers' spots.

The latest report from the front is in ...

It is 9:57 a.m., Wednesday, March 18. Princess Leia in vehicle 1-AY214 signals to turn left, waiting patiently for another car to pull out of the parking spot just east of Arts and Sciences Hall.

Darth Vader, in a black and grey Chevrolet pick-up truck, 59-COMM14081, lands to the left of Princess Leia. Darth Vader wears sunglasses and chomps sloppily on a wad of gum.

Princess Leia rolls down her window, naively waiving for Darth Vader's attention. With the calculated motions of the ex-Jedi Knight, he casually looks over his leather-coated shoulder.

She points to the vehicle pulling out, then to herself, smiling sweetly as if Darth Vader might have an ounce of compassion beneath his dark soul for peaceful, polite and patient parkers of the Republic.

TO THE LEFT WITH TARA MUIR

Darth Vader shakes his head and his echoing breathing deepens. He has strategically planted his subversive Darth Vader truck between 1-AY214 and the car leaving.

Princess Leia has no choice but to watch in horrifying disbelief as Darth Vader drives into her parking spot. She now will be late for her 10 a.m. Literary Journalism class with Dr. Francke, alias Obi-wan Kenobe.

Where is Joe Campus Security, alias Luke Skywalker, when a princess needs him?

She begins to salivate for a battle of her own. She easily could cut this menace with her light saber that makes that funny whooshing noise through the air.

Darth Vader remains in 59-COMM14081, obviously apprehensive about leaving the safety of it because 1-AY214 has not moved, but sits directly behind him. Princess Leia's seething gaze burns holes into the back of his black mask.

"I could slash his tires, bash in his windshield, call in the ROTC and ask them to Patriot missile his engine via the exhaust pipe."

Princess Leia bites her fingernails in sweet anticipation, but then her conscience overcomes her.

"I must obey the Force. I will appeal the \$5 ticket for the illegal spot I am about to park in and blame it on 59-COMM14081. The Republic's Campus Security can pass along the charges to him."

After class, 10:55 a.m., 1-AY214's windshield indeed displays the favorite brand of oppression of the university with that pale, peach card.

Princess Leia reads the ticket.

"Fifteen dollars! No way! Parking on the sidewalk?" 1-AY214's tire is indeed parked almost eight inches beyond the yellow line. "@!#\$%^&*(!!"

59-COMM14081 sits quietly and unsuspectingly in the stolen spot, and Darth Vader has disappeared.

In the true peace-loving form of the Jedi Knights and the Republic, Princess Leia wimps out and only leaves a polite note on 59-COMM14081. It claims simply that Darth Vader will become a public spectacle in the Gateway.

For the good citizens of this Republic, watch out for the Dark Side of the Empire in the form of 59-COMM14081. It is the vehicle of choice of Darth Vader. He will steal a parking spot without mercy.

Park illegally, appeal the ticket and blame it on him.

May the Force be with you.

TO THE RIGHT WITH KENT WALTON

Editor's Note: To the Right with Kent Walton will be back next week.

The Gateway apologizes for any inconvenience this change might have caused.



AIDS shouldn't ruin privacy

Former tennis player Arthur Ashe recently announced he has AIDS. Actually, a reporter from *USA Today* confronted Ashe with the rumors, forcing him into his announcement.

Ashe, the only black to win the U.S. Open, the Australian Open and Wimbledon, has been out of the limelight of the tennis world since 1980.

USA Today still considered Ashe enough of a public figure to justify forcing him into revealing something he rather would have kept secret. Ashe has been sick for several years, and many people took it for granted he had AIDS.

But *USA Today* seems to have thought the public had a right, or maybe a need, to know about Ashe's disease. Do we need to know?

If Ashe had contracted AIDS through sex or drug use, maybe the public needs to know. If he was infected by someone who is indiscriminately infecting people through casual sex, or if he himself had been exposing people to AIDS, then we need to know.

Ashe apparently contracted the AIDS virus during one of two heart operations, and ironically, another surgery for a brain infection revealed the AIDS virus.

So who does this affect? Ashe, his wife and family, and sadly, his young daughter, who did not yet fully understand that Daddy had AIDS. Now he must tell her, in detail, before she sees his face splattered across the evening news.

Ashe should have been afforded the privacy to be allowed to live his life without *USA Today* coming in and making an issue out of something that has little social value.

STAFF EDITORIAL ARTHUR ASHE

When the world discovered Rock Hudson had AIDS, it was important because he was a public figure and because it brought much-needed attention to the disease. When Magic Johnson announced he had AIDS, it was important because now a heterosexual had contracted what many considered a "gay" disease.

What purpose does Ashe's announcement serve? That people can get AIDS during surgery? No, because the medical field has learned how to protect patients against AIDS. That a famous person got AIDS, and so can we? No, because we've seen too many famous people — Hudson, Liberace, Freddie Mercury and many others — to not have gotten that message yet.

What purpose does it serve?

None.

Do we need to know?

No.

What good came from forcing a private individual, who

happened to be a former star athlete, to announce he has AIDS? Well, *USA Today* got a scoop and it probably sold more papers that day.

Many people may not even know who he is, but his former celebrity status has been Ashe's undoing. He has been forced to reveal something that benefits no one, and hurts him. With all the education and enlightenment we have strived for about AIDS, it seems we have neglected one area — the individual's right to privacy and dignity.

Has the cause been furthered when we still see AIDS as something people deserve to know about, instead of a tragic event in someone's life?

Abortion kills ... for how long?

As I stood at Memorial Park, and later at home via VCR, listening to women and men speak out for "abortion rights" and "reproductive freedom" I was overcome with a terrible sense of loss.

Ironically, the very lifeblood of the women's freedom movement in this country has become an act which violently ends the life of a human being every time it is carried out. More than 50 percent of the lost lives belong to the female gender. Most troubling to me as the words came tumbling from the lips of abortion advocates were the intermingled messages about other terrible injustices we are facing in this world.

I stand shoulder-to-shoulder with many of my pro-life sisters and brothers in trying to combat women's inequality in the work force, political arena and in steadfast refusal for women and children to be subjugated to second-class citizenship.

I was amazed to hear Tara Muir echoing her Washington counterparts by referring to individuals such as myself as "un-American, anti-woman and anti-choice."

It is as an American woman that I have chosen a freedom no

establishment or man or certainly any operation can offer me. I gained this inner liberty through my choice in accepting the free gift of Jesus Christ. Having received the wonderful gift of life not only once but twice, I strongly support the rights of all human beings to make personal choices in regards to their own lives.

However, when a personal choice destroys the most fundamental right, the right to life of another human being, a line has been crossed. It is for that reason that I stand, and why I stood with about 80 other

Omaha residents, many of them students, as silent witness to this belief on Sunday, April 5.

We will not go back to the dark ages of condoned child sacrifice and barbaric infanticide. We will press on toward the mark of freedom for life, in memory of the millions of souls never given the chance to speak for themselves.

Abortion kills children. How long will be too long?

Sherry Carlstrom
UNO Students for Life

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Auditions for the 1992 UNO Colorguard are April 24 at 4 p.m.

Tryouts are open to all high school seniors and UNO students. No experience is necessary.

Those who plan to audition must attend three of the six rehearsals to be held at the Strauss Performing Arts Center. Sessions will cover flag basics and movement, and participants will learn a one- to two-minute routine.

The rehearsals last from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Participants are asked to bring a flag pole and practice flag.

Rehearsal dates are April 7, 9, 13, 15, 21 and 23.

For more information, call the UNO band office at 554-3352.

Big band sounds at Peony Park in April

The Omaha Symphony Musicians Organization will present its 8th annual Big Band Bash at Peony Park Ballroom April 20 at 8 p.m.

Some of the music at the bash will be from Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Glenn Miller, Stan Kenton and Woody Herman. Joining the musicians from the symphony will be local jazz musicians Preston Love, the Gulizia Brothers, Mason Prince, Matt Wallace and members of the Nebraska Jazz Orchestra, Resurrected Swing, and Mothers Big Band.

Admission is \$7 for adults, and \$4 for students and senior citizens. Tickets may be purchased in advance at Peony Park or at the door. All proceeds go toward membership in the

Regional Orchestra Players Association and to other activities the organization is involved with.

Conference discusses labor training issues

"Re-Educating the Work Force" is the topic of a conference Wednesday at the Peter Kiewit Conference Center.

The conference will explore issues which are making worker training and education a concern for American businesses.

In addition to sessions on current national trends in worker education, the Nebraska labor situation, multi-cultural issues and basic skills training, the conference also will include case studies of local firms which are conducting successful re-training programs.

For more information or to register, call 595-2308.

IN THE AREA ...

dations for travelers of all ages with separate quarters for males and females. The places are fully equipped with self-service kitchens, dining areas, and common rooms for relaxing and socializing. Most hostel rooms have family rooms which can be reserved in advance.

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Poster touts skiing, studying

STOWE, Vt. (CPS) — Vermont's governor recently revealed a slick new poster with a skiing theme to recruit students to the state's 23 public and private schools.

Gov. Howard Dean displayed the poster at a press conference without apologies for its recreation slant.

The poster, which lists the state's public and private schools, read: "Vermont: It's a Great Location for an Education. Want to make tracks in your field of choice? Look to Vermont."

The poster features a student reading at her desk, which has a computer on it. Behind her, colorfully clad skiers can be seen on a steep slope, and her state-of-the-art ski equipment is prominently featured.

and board still at \$5,675.

"It was a decision the board made to demonstrate their commitment to families paying the high cost of education," said Nancy Gillette, director of admissions.

Though Hood officials will not know how the announcement will affect enrollment for 1992-93 until the May 1 application deadline, Gillette said the feedback has been very positive.

"People appreciate this commitment," added Gillette, who said that the school is not certain how many years the freeze will last.

A subcommittee reviews costs annually and comes up with the tuition fees, she said.

Hood College freezes tuition

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Argument causes racial brawl

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Police said the woman locked herself in her dorm room after she and her boyfriend had an argument. The boyfriend started

to pound on the door with two friends, who are black.

Police said the woman telephoned a nearby fraternity house for help. The fraternity members went to the dorm, where a crowd had started to gather.

Police said some of the whites in the crowd began to harass two black men, described by police as "innocent bystanders," and a fight ensued.

Police estimated that about 25 black students came to the two black men's defense and fought with about 40 white

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Two people suffered minor injuries and one window was broken in the scuffle. Immediately following the brawl, school officials imposed a curfew that was lifted the next day.

As a result of the fight, black students at Olivet have asked school officials to look into racial problems at the private college.

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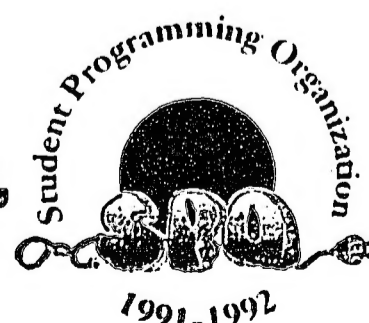
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educational mission to be so "politicized" by the war on drugs that it is intruding into the private affairs of its students.

I would greatly appreciate the *Gateway* and Student Senate looking into this matter.

Name withheld by upon request, because I am covered by the interference with academic freedom accorded to anyone who questions "drug policies."

Stand up for your university

Dear Editor:

Your editorial in the April 7 issue of the *Gateway* hit the nail right on the head. "UNO needs dorms. UNO deserves dorms." UNO is expanding rapidly and needs on-campus housing. The Student Senate passed a Letter of Statement, which I sponsored, endorsing the UNO Master Plan which includes provisions for on-campus housing.

UNO has been put off too long by the University of Nebraska Board of Regents. It is time that we, as a community, stand up for our university and let our elected officials know that we want dorms, doctoral programs, comparable

salaries for our excellent faculty and more adequate classroom space.

Two regents, Nancy O'Brien and Rosemary Skrupa, who strongly support this campus, will be attending the Student Senate meeting on Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Student Center Dodge Room.

I encourage everyone to attend and show your support for both this campus, and for two elected officials who support our needs. If not, write them or to the other regents on this matter and let your feelings be known.

If we stand together and fight for our fair share, we will triumph. But, if we stand silent, Lincoln will continue to walk all over us and destroy the great institution we have built over the years here in Omaha, at UNO.

Mike Kennedy
UNO Student Senator

Greek system a 'great system'

Dear Editor:

I am writing in response to the Tuesday April 7 issue. A letter was written by a former sorority member. She claims

UNO does not have a real greek system and claims it has a declining popularity.

First, you cannot compare a campus like UNO to one with dorms and housing. Yes, we are not completely like the greeks on other campuses. But we still do have a real greek system.

Second, if the popularity is declining then why is membership growing? I pledged in the fall of 1987 and in my fraternity (Pi Kappa Alpha) our membership has more than tripled.

Third, the *Gateway* was trying to show the greeks in a good light. Usually the greeks only get coverage (not only in the *Gateway* but everywhere) when something bad happens, and all the good we do is overlooked.

Finally, what you get out of the greek system is what you put into it. If you had a bad experience when you were in, that is very unfortunate, but it does not give you the right to put down a great system like the greeks.

Matt Arnold
UNO Student Senator



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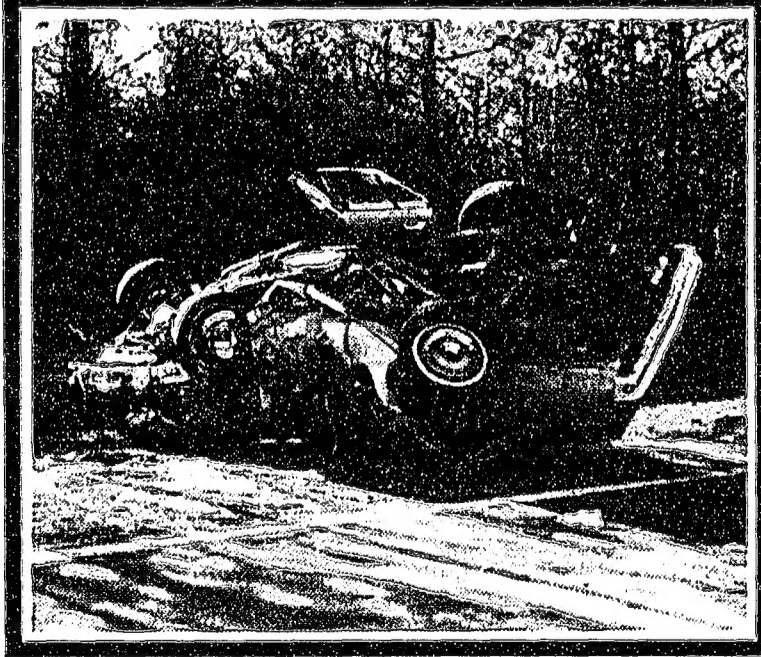
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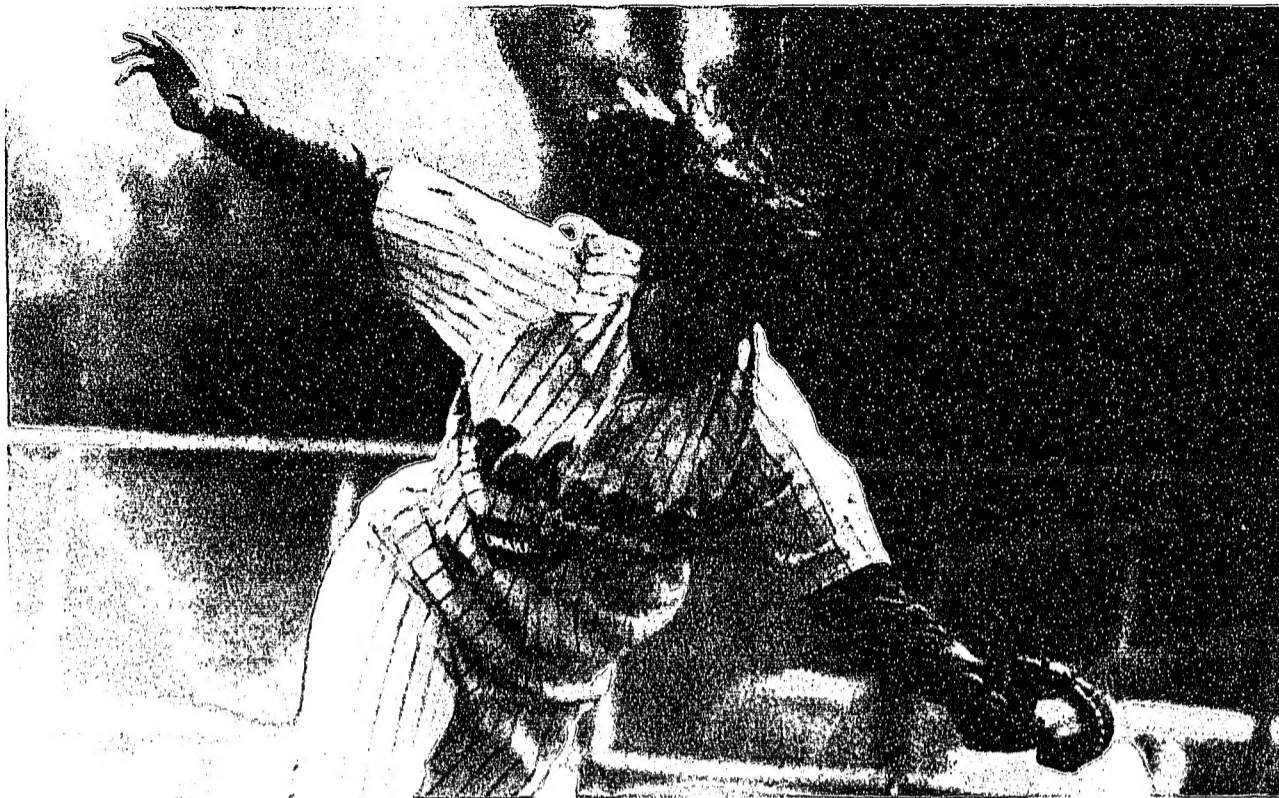
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UNO Lady Mav first baseman Kim McGinnis snares a sharply hit ball in action during the UNO Classic Softball Tournament. The tourney was cut short due to inclement weather.

The DH is an improvement

What makes the American League so much better than the National League? It is not the new ballparks or the competition in the AL West. It is the designated hitter (DH).

On ESPN radio, I listened to *Sports Illustrated's* Steve Wulf talk about how much better baseball would be with inter-league play and eliminating the DH. I don't agree.

Since it was implemented in 1973, the designated hitter has been the best thing for baseball since the catcher's mask. It eliminated the sure out, the pitcher with the buck and a half batting average. The designated hitter has relieved pitchers the burden of going to bat, all they have to worry about is pitching.

It also has prolonged many careers. Orlando Cepeda and Hal McRae were two of the most prolific designated hitters of their time, and their careers lasted longer because of it. Reggie Jackson, Rusty Staub, Rod Carew and Don Baylor had very productive offensive numbers as batting specialists. They

THE RIGHT CALL BY DAREN SCHRAT

would have been spending the last years of their careers on the bench in the National League because there wouldn't have been a place for them in the starting lineup.

If a club owner's payroll is \$30 million or more, he better get the most from his players. The DH is a bonus for owning an American League team. Fans benefit by watching another quality hitter instead of a pitcher, batting ninth, wearing a warm-up jacket, swinging at three pitches and then sitting down.

If it wasn't for the DH, George Bell would spend more time out of the White Sox batting order, George Brett would be a hitting coach, Dave Winfield would be in a broadcast booth and Kevin Mitchell wouldn't have the opportunity to belt 50 homers.

Another topic Wulf spoke of was inter-league play. That would ruin the World Series. One unique quality the World Series has is the two championship teams have not faced each other all year, with the exception of spring training.

He said one attribute of inter-league play is fans have the opportunity to watch the best players from both leagues play. That may be so, but with free agency it is only a matter of time until the fans have the chance to see all the players since they change teams almost every few years.

Wulf's proposal of inter-league play shortens the season from 162 games to 156. Does that mean the players' salaries will decrease with the number of games? The reduction of the season would cheat the fans and the television and radio stations that pay dearly to broadcast the games. It is the fans and the networks which support the teams and make the high salaries possible.

Weather shortens classic

By Owen Hoevel

The big winner in the UNO Classic Softball tournament wasn't fourth-ranked UNO, nor was it ninth-ranked Augustana College. The winner is Mother Nature.

Cold weather Sunday, the final day of the two-day tournament, forced a cancellation and left the tourney no champion.

"It's really frustrating," said Lady Maverick Head Coach Mary Yori. "There's nothing you can really do about it; the weather is like that sometimes."

The first day of the tournament saw some very impressive personal, as well as team, performances.

University of Nebraska at Kearney's Susan Johnson pitched an outstanding seven innings, giving up four hits and striking out 13, as her team rallied in the bottom of the seventh inning to score two runs and defeat Augustana 2-1.

Another outstanding pitching performance was given by Pittsburg State's Michelle Dunlap, as she held the Lady Mavs to only two hits in a 4-0 win against UNO. Pittsburg State was the only undefeated team in the tourney, going 3-0.

"I'm real happy with the games that were played," Yori said. "There were a lot of close games, and it would have been a really tough tournament for anyone to win."

Before losing to Pittsburg, the Lady Mavs opened the day by

shutting out Morningside College 5-0.

UNO jumped out to a quick lead, as the first two hitters for the Lady Mavs scored in the first inning.

Lynda Bartsch and Diahann Armstrong both singled and later scored to give the Lady Mavs a 2-0 lead. Both Bartsch and Armstrong scored again in the fifth, capping off a three-run fifth inning. Armstrong led the team at the plate, going 2-3 with a RBI and a stolen base.

After poor hitting against Pittsburg State, the Lady Mavs ended the day by slipping past Regis University 1-0.

Pitcher Amy Boyd, 13-3-1, led the way giving up only two hits and striking out seven batters.

The only run came in the fifth inning, when Michelle Strain tripled with two outs to score Amy Pick from first.

"I thought we did a pretty good job with our pitching and defense," Yori said. "But we need to work on our hitting and being able to adjust to the different pitching."

Cold weather behind them now, the Lady Mavs' main focus is Tuesday's double-header with rival Augustana. The Lady Mavs have lost the last six times they have faced the team.

"This will be a tough one for us," Yori said. "We haven't beaten them all year, and it's important that we play well against them."

The first pitch will be at 5 p.m. at Claussen-Westgate Field.

Duncan Invitational full of fast company

By Daren Schrat

Spring means more than just the return of baseball and softball. It also marks the return of outdoor track and field.

The UNO Lady Maverick track team traveled to Drake University to do some fast travel of their own at the Jim Duncan Invitational last Saturday.

In the 4x100 meter relays, the Lady Mavs finished in ninth place from a field of 18 teams with a time of 50.5 seconds run by Kim Oster, Dawn Gumm, Linda Vondras and Billie Jo Antisdal.

In other team relays, the Lady Mavs took fifth in a field of 11 in the distance medley relay. Dana Ottoson, Barb Keefover, Mary Ann Weiberg and Gumm ran the event in 12:59.17. In the sprint medley relay, the quartet Keefover, Gumm, Antisdal and Vondras won third place among 11 competitors.

In individual events, Vondras' 12.7 second performance in the 100-meter dash put her in ninth place among 32 sprinters. In the 100-meter hurdles, Oster finished 10th out of 34 with a 15.71-second timing. In the 400-meter hurdles, Antisdal's time of 1:10.59 resulted in a 12th-place finish among 27 runners.

In the 3,000 meters Ottoson finished in the middle of the pack with a 11:14.03 performance among 32 runners.

A 16-foot, 10-inch leap by Vondras earned an eighth-place finish among 19 in the long jump. Angie Torgerson finished 10th among 27 with a high jump of 5-1.

The Lady Mavs' next competition will be April 18 at the Doane College Relays in Crete.



—Eric Francis

The pace of a '90s woman

Participants from 20 companies raised a record \$7,550 for UNO women's athletics in the fifth annual Diet Pepsi Briefcase Relay held April 9 at Omaha's Memorial Park. The briefcase relay is a prelude to the Diet Pepsi Women's Walk, which raised more than \$80,000 last year. Each team consisted of three women, with two lapping the park and the last walker finishing at the UNO Fieldhouse. Guarantee Mutual won the event with a time of 34:56, followed by Northern Bank with 35:24 and Union Pacific Railroad with 35:38.

Mavs split double-header with the Vikings at World Series Park

By Daren Schrat

The temperature hovered around 40 degrees and it was windy and cloudy. The unseasonable weather did not prevent the UNO Mavericks and the Augustana Vikings from splitting a double-header Sunday at College World Series Park.

In the opening game, right-hander Steve Paup scattered six hits, walked two and struck out seven to improve his record to a glittering 5-1 as the Mavs defeated Augustana 4-2.

In all, the Mavs pelted Viking pitchers Rob Johnston and Barry Van Gilder with 11 hits. Freshman third baseman Tim

Hallett led the Mavs by going three-for-three at the plate with a double, a RBI and two runs. Shortstop Bill Ryan also doubled and drove in a run, going two for three. Scott Hanson doubled, scored a run and had a RBI by also going two for three. The Mavs won the game despite stranding nine base runners. They stranded nine more in game two.

In the second game, the Mavs trailed 3-1 in the bottom of the seventh with runners on second and third, but failed to bring them home to put the game into extra innings as Augustana preserved its victory.

The Mavs jumped out 1-0 in the first inning, Jay Maia

tripled and scored when Jeff Gordon singled. But Augustana pitcher John Sutton slammed the door on the Mavs the rest of the way as he went the distance, scattering six hits and walking four to remain unbeaten at 5-0.

UNO starter Brad Greenbush had a more difficult time, surrendering six hits and three runs.

The split leaves the Mavs even up at 14-14, with a conference record of 2-3. The Mavs will host Hastings College Wednesday at College World Series Park, starting at 1:30 p.m. The Mavs will re-enter conference play Friday when they host South Dakota University.

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Teaching a language-learning disabled child should begin with common knowledge and move out from there, she said.

Butler is a professor and chair of the department of communication disorders and sciences, and director of the center for language research at Syracuse (N.Y.) University. She has served as the dean of graduate studies and research and as associate dean of professional studies at San Jose State University.

Butler is the past president of both the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and the International Association of Logopedics and Phoniatrics. She has been on the board of governors of the Council for Exceptional Children.

From Regents, page 1

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UNO Student President/Regent Mike Farquhar said he is pleased with the decision and thinks it will open the way for additional doctorate programs. He said the regents and the Post Education Coordinating Commission are re-defining what UNO is.

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